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Dear Johnson:

Our Executive Committee meeting has been held, and, knowing you will be anxious to hear what was "the conclusion of the ^{whole} matter", I hasten to give you the desired information.

All the members of the Committee were present, except Mr. Gay. Phillips said he had nothing to do in calling it; but charged the Standard with being a partisan Lincoln sheet, relying for evidence upon your animadversions upon the Cleveland Convention in last week's paper. He declared that if such

were to be the character of
the paper, he should drop
it, and withdraw from the
Society. He did not like
all of Quincy's leaders, espe-
cially the one of last week,
but, on the whole, thought
he had kept a pretty even
balance. He claimed that,
on three several occasions,
the Am. A. S. Society had by
itself, and through its aux-
iliaries, pronounced against
the Administration and
Mr. Lincoln as unworthy of
confidence or support, Anti-
slavery wise; and, therefore,
the Standard should be
governed by its decision.
He was not willing to give
one farthing to have the paper

supported, if favoring the
re-election of Mr. Lincoln; but
he should wait a ~~long~~ little
longer to see what its tone
might be - &c., &c. His
complaint was chiefly against
yourself. He was very indignant
that you allowed anything
to prevent the appearance
of the Fremont Cleveland
call in the Standard as soon
as it was issued.

Though Mr. Bonditch
and Mr. Whipple are
anti-Lincoln, no one of the
Committee was disposed to
take Mr. P.'s side against
the Standard, but the verdict
was that it had been conducted
with remarkable fairness and
impartiality. No wish was

expressed to give Mr. Quincy
or yourself any instruction or
advice as to the future, beyond
advising great care not to even
seem to give an undue
partiality to Lincoln's nomina-
tion, while noting impartially
the signs of the times as to
both nominations in testing
the loyal anti-slavery sentiment
of the Country. They expressed
great confidence in your
wisdom and discretion
not needlessly to give offence,
while they agreed in the
necessity and duty of
your faithfully presenting
facts as they may arise, and
where they may.

I received a telegram
from you while we were
together, and read it to the
Committee; but they deemed

it unnecessary for you to come
to Boston at present.

I fear P. has made up his
mind to leave us; but time
must determine. He is
evidently in a heated state.

Yours, to the end,

W. L. G.

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